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Henerable Thomas C. Hennings Chairman, Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Senator Hennings:

I have received your latter of il February 1960 requesting information about surchases and use of minifen recording equipment by the Central Intelligence Agency.

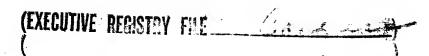
The release which was enclosed with your letter indicated that in accordance with information provided by the General Services Administration, the Central Intelligence Agency had purchased 26 minifon wire recorders from federal supply scheduled contracts. This number should have been listed as 16 rather than 26. We have confirmed this figure with GSA officials

This Agency uses, on a very limited basis, minifon recording equipment in the United States as a light-weight, portable dictation recording device to record conversations of considerable duration. A specific example of such usage is the recording of conversations with

Such recordings are made with the full knowledge and consent of the individual concerned. Minifon equipment is also used in this country in conjunction with our training program.

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Mandates placed upon me by the National Security Act and the Central Intelligence Agency Act, previsions which I believe are familiar to you, preclude me from identifying the offices or employees of the Agency who use this type of equipment. I wish to co-operate with your Subcommittee in every way possible however, and have asked my Legislative Counsel, Mr. John S. Warner, to discuss this response with the Chief Counsel of your Subcommittee.

Sincerely.

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles Director

CONCURRENCE:	Original	draft concurred	-Mr.	
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